(b) The Central Government has no role to play in the fixation of VAT rates for any product. An empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers decides on all issues relating to implementation of State level VAT.

VRS Policy in BSP

†5570. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that officers working in Bhilai Steel Plant are swiftly moving towards private sector after taking voluntary retirement;

(b) if so, the number of officers who took voluntary retirement by the end of March, 2005 and number of those who joined the private sector;

(c) whether Government are reviewing the voluntary retirement policy, and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken/proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) & (b) There is no mechanism available to know the employment status of employees after taking voluntary retirement from the Company. From March 1998 till March, 2005, 1094 executives of Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) have availed voluntary retirement and out of this 227 executives have taken voluntary retirement during 2002-2003 to 2004-05.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report of the Phukan Commission

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

Sir, on behalf of Shri Pranab Mukherjee, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English) of the following:

(1) Part Report of the Phukan Commission and Accompanying Note on Justice S.N. Phukan Commission.

(2) Statement giving reasons for not laying Hindi version of the Report [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 2283/05]

I. **Reports and Accounts (2003-2004) of the Pyrites, Phosphates Chemicals Ltd (PPCL) Rohtas, Bihar and Hindustan Insecticides Ltd (HIL) New Delhi and sealed papers.**

II. **Memoranda of Understanding (2005-06) between Government of India and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. and Kudremukh Iron ore Company.**

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): Sir, I beg to lay on the table:

I (1) A Copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956;

(i)(a) Forty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Limited (PPCL), Rohtas, Bihar, for the year 2003-2004, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 2135/05]

(ii)(a) Fiftieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Hindustan Insecticides Limited (HIL), New Delhi, for the year 2003-2004, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company

(2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above [Placed in Library *See* No. L.T. 1931/05]